

From: Stothert, Mayor Jean L.
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2013 6:09 PM
To: Cohen, Paul (PBC)
Cc: Bilek, Martin J. (Mayor's Chief of Staff); Silvey, Rhonda L. (Mayr)
Subject: FW: Mayor's Security

Hi Paul:

Given the fact that there have been recent mass casualties incidents in the United States and in Omaha involving deranged gunman targeting random citizens as well as targeted elected officials, security in the Mayor's Office has become of paramount importance. Additionally, providing for the personal security of the Mayor when I am outside the security perimeter of the Mayor's Office is even more challenging.

Retired law enforcement officers are legally able to carry concealed handguns pursuant the House Resolution 218 (HR218). However, once inside the Civic Center they additionally require permission from the Omaha/Douglas Public Building Commission.

Since there are no metal detectors or package scanners at the entrances to the Civic Center, retired law enforcement officers are stationed in the North wing of the 3rd floor of the Civic Center (Mayor's Office) to provide security and as I understand it, are permitted to carry weapons. However, it is not possible to insure that they are always in the presence of the Mayor.

Please consider this correspondence my official request that Chief of Staff, Martin J. Bilek, retired 38 year veteran of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, who is also HR218 eligible, be allowed to carry a concealed handgun while inside the Omaha-Douglas Civic Center. In those instances when the retired law enforcement officers described above may not be proximate to me, it is very likely that Martin Bilek will be. As Chief of Staff, his office is next to the Mayor's Office and he commonly attends meetings and functions with me.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

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Mayor Stothert,

Thank you for contacting us on this matter.

In accordance with Omaha Douglas Public Building Commission Policy, and in view of your email below, Marty Bilek is granted clearance to carry a weapon in the performance of his duties as Chief of Staff to the Mayor of the City of Omaha. The clearance is effective immediately and will remain in effect during his tenure in the office, or until there is a change in the requirements of that position.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul G. Cohen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" being more prominent than the last name "Cohen".

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